



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From The Headteacher

It's been a day of great celebrations. We have 100 children across the school who gained a headteacher's award this morning. That's 40% of the school! Two of these classes had nearly three quarters of the children achieving the award in Ash 3 and Ash 4. While in Oak 2 and Oak 4 there was 90% and 100% of the children achieving the award. The assembly also included a celebration of the high quality entries and winners for the mental health posters, which informed children how they can look after their mental health. Well done Ai-vy and Darcey. All this, along with the normal celebrations of the wonderful learning and co-operating over this week. The assembly was finished off with the house cup which saw two of the houses gaining over 600 points, with the other two in the top 500s, this is an impressive way to end the term.

I try and go out for the last 15 minutes of lunchtime because it helps my well being when I spend quality time with children and remind myself why I do the job I do. Today saw the heavens open and the children had to enter the building early. I went up with the Ash 5 and 6 children to supervise, I was very impressed with the way they went up the stairs and when reminded that this was an opportunity to read for pleasure the children got their books out without any fuss and read beautifully. After lunch I went from the oldest children to the youngest children in reception to practice recalling their names. This was a fun session but again the children behaved to a very high standard. What I saw in the middle of the school day reflects what a wonderful set of children we have in our school and reminds me again how fortunate I am to lead such a great organisation.

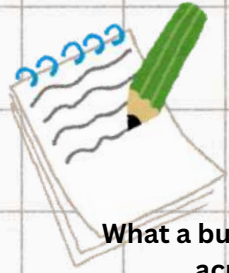
I think everyone well deserves their break next week and I look forward to seeing the children return on Monday 23rd February. Have a great half term!

Mr Celino-Stock



Dates To Remember

23rd Feb- 1st day back of term
25th - 27th Feb - Ash 6 PGL Trip
27th Feb - Ash R Nest Library Trip
5th March - World Book Day



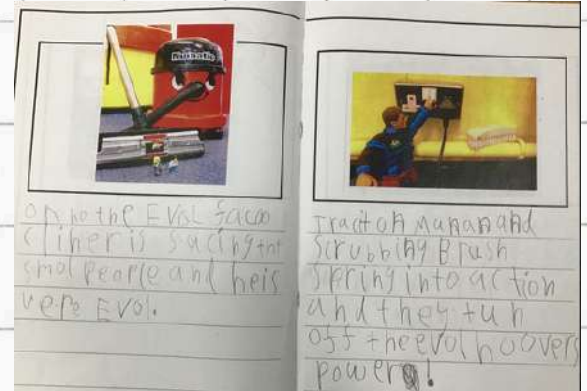
ASH 1



What a busy and exciting term it has been in Ash 1! The children have been working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum and have shown fantastic enthusiasm for learning.

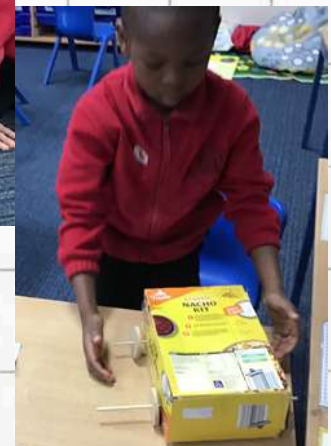
WRITING JOURNEY

Our core text this term has been Traction Man, which has inspired lots of creative writing. The children have written captions and speech bubbles, created their own adverts for Traction Man, and described an exciting underwater scene. As part of this, the children took part in some freeze-frame drama to help them imagine what might be happening in the picture before putting their ideas into sentences. To finish our unit, the children wrote a brand new adventure for Traction Man, using their imagination and story-telling skills to create exciting new missions for our hero.



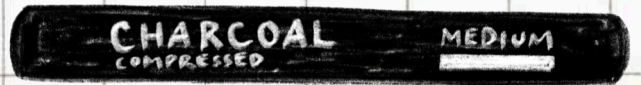
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

In DT, the children designed and built cars for Traction Man. First, they created prototypes using K'Nex, testing out different ideas. After this, they used boxes and recycled materials to build their final cars, including adding axles and wheels. The children experimented with different types of wheels and discovered that the large wooden wheels worked best. Many had to evaluate and improve their designs, making changes so their cars could move more smoothly. This was a great opportunity for problem solving and perseverance.



ART

In Art, the children learned about the artist L.S. Lowry and looked at his paintings of the Chad Valley Toy Factory. They experimented with charcoal techniques, learning how to make light and dark marks, and smudge. Before starting their final pieces, the children practised drawing stick figures in proportion. They then recreated one of Lowry's masterpieces, adding their own careful details and figures. The results were fantastic and really showed their growing confidence with different art materials.



MATHS

In Maths, Ash 1 have been developing their number and shape knowledge. The children have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, recognising and naming shapes and talking about their properties. They have also explored length, comparing and measuring objects using words such as longer, shorter and taller.

In number, the children have been working with numbers up to 40, using practical resources to represent, compare and order numbers.





HISTORY - TOYS THEN AND NOW

In History, the children have been learning about toys from the past and present. They compared Victorian toys, toys from the 1960s and 1970s, and modern toys, using pictures and real examples to spot similarities and differences. They learned that Victorian toys were often made from wood, metal and fabric, while toys from the 1960s and 1970s used more plastic and bright colours with simple moving parts. Modern toys, by comparison, often include batteries, electronics and screens. The children enjoyed talking about their own toys and discovering how play has changed over time.



CLASS TRIP - HALL PLACE

Our class trip this term was to Hall Place, and it was a wonderful experience for the children. We took part in a Victorian toy workshop, where the children learned about toys from the past. We also explored the grounds to look for seasonal changes in winter, spotting evergreen trees, playing a game of 'Pooh sticks', and even finding a badger's sett. The children were curious, excited, and very well behaved throughout the trip.



SCIENCE - MATERIALS AND THEIR PROPERTIES

In Science, the children have been learning about materials and their properties, using new vocabulary such as flexible, transparent, waterproof and strong. They took part in practical activities to identify, sort and classify different materials.

Ash 1 also carried out their first investigations, testing which materials were best to build a shelter for Traction Man. The shelter needed to be strong, waterproof and able to reflect the sun, and the children enjoyed exploring and deciding which materials worked best.



Ash 1 have had a fantastic term full of creativity, exploration and learning. We are very proud of their hard work and positive attitudes. Thank you for your continued support.





SEND Parent/Carer Coffee and Chat Group

It was lovely to see everyone at our latest coffee morning on Tuesday, February 10th, where we were joined by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) to discuss the various ways they support our primary schools. They highlighted their fantastic free monthly webinars for families, with the next session focusing on the ever-important topic of sleep on March 4th; please keep an eye out for the link which we will circulate closer to the date.

The team also recommended the Witherslack Group website - <https://www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/> - as a brilliant resource for SEND-specific advice; simply search the word “training” on their site to access a full library of helpful videos.

In very exciting news, we finally have an official name for our group thanks to Sarah Jeane Din, whose suggestion, “Together for SEND,” won the overwhelming majority of the vote—congratulations, Sarah! We look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 10th from 2:00pm, where new faces are always welcome for a chat and a coffee

Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness Poster Competition



As part of our activities to mark Children’s Mental Health Week we ran a competition to create a poster around Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness. Congratulations go to Ai-vy Phan and Darcey Monck for their fantastic posters created for the competition – they were outstanding. They have both been awarded a certificate and £5.00 Amazon Gift Voucher and their posters will shortly be on display around the school. Well done!

Attendance Monitoring Process

Please see the attendance flow chart below, which outlines how your child's attendance will be monitored throughout the academic year.

The flow chart explains:

- How attendance is reviewed
- When concerns may be identified
- Possible outcomes where attendance does not improve

Our aim is always to work in partnership with families to ensure every child attends school regularly and achieves their full potential. If you have any questions about attendance or require support, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Attendance Flow Chart

100%



EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE
WELL DONE

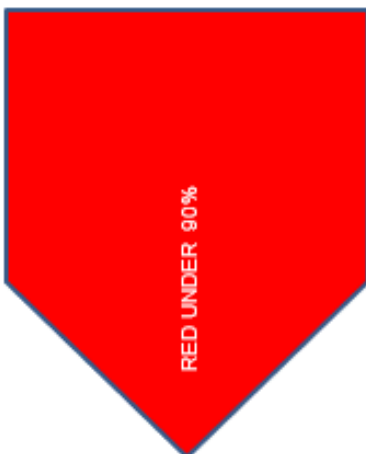


UNSATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE:

School will:

- Send letters of concern
- Discuss concerns with parents/carers
- Offer appropriate support (in school or external services)
- Invite parents/carers in to a meeting
- No longer automatically authorise absences
- Enter into a Parental Contract with parents/carers

School may refer to the Education Welfare Services when attendance falls below 95%.
If ABSENCES are being UNAUTHORISED then urgent improvement is required

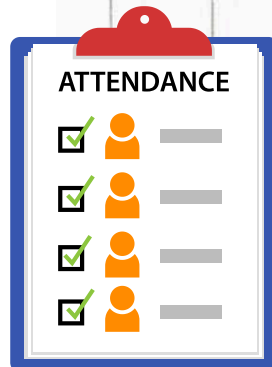


PERSISTENT ABSENCE:

Considered by the Government to be a Persistent Absence (PA). The Government consider these children to be at risk of the potential for a negative impact on future life opportunities.

School will closely monitor attendance and refer to the Education Welfare Services (if not already done so) if no immediate sustained improvement.

Local Authority will investigate absences and consider if Legal interventions are necessary and appropriate



Other News

& EVENTS

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BEXLEY MUSIC

POP CHOIR

Come and join the fun this February half term at our 2 day vocal workshop!

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th February 2026
10am - 2pm
Years 4 - 8

£30.00

Bexley Music @ Belmont Academy
Belmont Road, Erith, Kent DA8 1LE

BOOK NOW

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www.bexley-music.co.uk



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GUITAR COURSE

Already play the guitar? Come and join the fun this February half term at our 2 day workshop!

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Bexley Music Team would like to invite you to join them for their February Half term courses!

Please find attached flyers and information below. These courses are for students in Years 4 – 8.

The deadline to register for these courses is Monday 16th February. Please scan the QR code on the flyers or click on the links below to register.

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Link to online registration page:

<https://ukbexley.speedadmin.dk/play/catalogue/courses?searchText=Pop+Choir>



www.bexley.gov.uk

February Half-Term at Bexley Libraries

Families across the borough can look forward to a lively programme of activities designed to spark imagination providing plenty of free fun during the school break.

- **Animal Handling with Creepy Claws** for ages 3 and over at Central, Crayford, Erith, Sidcup, Thamesmead and Welling Libraries
- **Indian Dance Workshops with Beeja** for ages 3 and over at Central, Crayford and Sidcup Libraries
- **Manga Art with Chie** for ages 11 and over at Central Library.
- **Meet the Owls with Jams Owls** for ages 3 and over at Central, Crayford, Erith, Sidcup, Thamesmead and Welling Libraries
- **Picture Books Musicals with Gareth Jones** for any ages at Central and Welling Libraries.
- **TV Production Workshops with End 2 End TV.** Two sessions at Central Library. One for ages 7- to 10-year-olds and another for 11- to 14-year-olds.

For more information, including details of how to get your free tickets, please visit the 'What's On' page at www.bexley.gov.uk/bexley-libraries or scan the QR code.



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LITTLE ACHIEVERS

February Half Term FOOTBALL COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS 5-13 years
All abilities

£50 per week
or £15 a day

- Woodland Academy Trust discount
- Sliding discount (non trust members)

Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shinpads.
Rewards Include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.
Coach Qualifications: UEFA and FA Qualified Coaches;
FA Child Protection; Safeguarding & First Aid Training.

16-20 Feb | 10am-3pm

Northumberland Heath Primary School,
Whelock Close, Erith,
DA8 1JE
(Brook Street entrance)

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LITTLE ACHIEVERS

Running of the day

10-10.30am
Arrival and registration

10.30-10.45am
Warm up games

10.45-12 noon
Technique and skill based learning

12 noon-1pm
Lunch time

1.00-1.30pm
Morning recap

1.30-2.45pm
Themed tournament

3pm
Home time

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What to bring

- Packed lunch
- Lots of drink
- Comfortable clothing
- Football boots, Astro turfs, Trainers (No metal studs or blades)
- Shinpads

Rewards

- Little Achievers attendance certificate
- Medals
- Trophies

Coaches qualifications

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